

REMARKS

The indication of allowability of claim 2 is noted with thanks.

Accordingly, the subject matter of claim 2 is added to claim 1, thereby placing claim 1 in condition for allowance, and with it the claim that depends from it.

Of course, the dependency of claim 3 is appropriately changed.

Claim 9 has also been amended so as to claim the allowable subject matter of amended claim 1. The difference between claims 9 and 1, of course, is that the forming of the housing in two parts in end-to-end relationship, recited in claim 1, does not appear in claim 9. Therefore, the claims are not unduly multiplied and claims 1 and 9 are not duplicates of each other and so both can be allowed.

The amendment to claim 9 of course takes care of the formal problem in claim 10, mentioned in the Official Action.

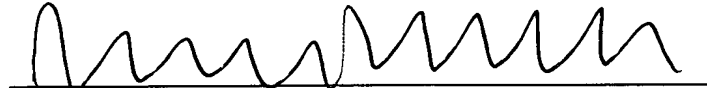
As this amendment seeks only to place the application in condition for allowance with subject matter previously indicated to be allowable, it is not believed necessary to discuss the cited references again at this time.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, therefore, it is believed that this application has been placed in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. \$1.16 or under 37 C.F.R.\$1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

YOUNG & THOMPSON

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert J. Patch', is written over a horizontal line.

Robert J. Patch, Reg. No. 17,355
745 South 23rd Street
Arlington, VA 22202
Telephone (703) 521-2297
Telefax (703) 685-0573
(703) 979-4709

RJP/lk